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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Before the Examiner:  
Achtermann et al. : Todd, Gregory

Serial No.: 09/438,436 : Group Art Unit: 2157

Filed: November 12, 1999 :  
: IBM Corporation

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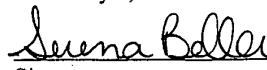
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Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of October 17, 2002 (Paper No. 3), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 17, 2003, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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